COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF BEAR FORK GAS)
COMPANY S RATES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS) CASE NO. 2001-00415
TO OPERATE AS A FARM TAP SYSTEM)

<u>O R D E R</u>

On November 8, 2001, Bear Fork Gas Company (Bear Fork) filed its proposed tariff to be effective December 1, 2001. On November 30, 2001, the Commission suspended Bear Forks tariff for 5 months to May 7, 2002, and opened this case for further investigation of the proposed tariff. On January 2, 2002, Commission Staff requested additional information from Bear Fork and, on January 23, 2002, Bear Fork filed the requested information. On February 11, 2002, Commission Staff rejected the proposed tariff, finding it deficient pursuant to 807 KAR 5:026, Section 9(1)(a, b and d).

On April 11, 2002, an informal telephone conference was held between Commission Staff and Bear Fork. Bear Fork agreed to correct the deficiencies noted, give sufficient notice, and submit its revised tariff filing for consideration. On April 11, 2002, Bear Fork filed a revised tariff application for a rate increase.

On March 21, 2002, notice was given to the customers of Bear Fork setting forth the proposed rates in compliance with 807 KAR 5:026, Section 9(1)(d). No comments have been received from the public in response to the notice. This case now stands submitted to the Commission for a decision.

The Commission, having reviewed the record in this case and being sufficiently advised, finds that:

1. Bear Fork is a gas pipeline company pursuant to KRS 278.485.

2. Bear Fork as a gas pipeline company serves customers pursuant to 807

KAR 5:026.

3. Bear Fork has filed a tariff for adjustment of rates pursuant to 807 KAR

5:026, Section 9.

4. The revised tariff filed on April 11, 2002 is in compliance with the filing

requirements of 807 KAR 5:026 and KRS Chapter 278, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Bear Fork is a gas pipeline company operating pursuant to KRS 278.485

and 807 KAR 5:026.

2. The rates shown in the Appendix to this Order are approved as of the date

of this Order.

3. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Bear Fork shall file with this

Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of May, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2001-00415 DATED May 3, 2002

The following rates, charges, and policies are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Bear Fork Gas Company. All other rates, charges, and policies not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Rates:

Monthly Customer Charge	\$6.00
Each MCF	\$4.25

Special Non-Recurring Charges:

Late Payment Penalty	10%
New Service Tap	\$150.00
Reconnection Charge	\$25.00
Deposit	\$100.00
Returned Check Charge	\$25.00
Field Collection Charge	\$15.00